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THE LEGACY OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN NORTH CAROLINA

Historical Facts about the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County

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Library Established

1903

Notable Librarians

Annie Smith Ross was the first librarian who started working at the library in 1903. She also helped organize the North Carolina Library Association.

First Bookmobile

The library's first bookmobile was a Dodge panel truck which began its bookmobile duties in 1937. It was initially funded by the North Carolina Library Commission.

Important Facts

The library's Carnegie-built library was torn down in the mid-1950s.

In 1995, the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County was voted library of the year. It strives to integrate the technology of today with the ever pressing demand for new books.

Notable Stories

Famed writer, Harry Golden wrote many of his articles in the special collections department of the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.